

REMARKS

In the Office Action, restriction was required to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 27 to 39

Group II - Claims 40 to 47

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 27 to 39, for prosecution on the merits. This election is made with traverse because even though the claims of Groups I and II may be patentably distinct from one another, it is believed that the claims are sufficiently related to be properly presented in a single application.

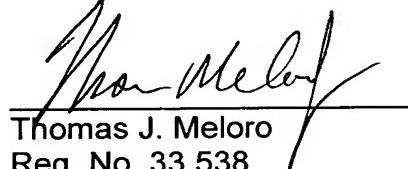
An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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